YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

HANGAR HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of the Yankee Air Museum

What's happening in and about the Yankee Air Museum

OCTOBER 2007

Yankee Air Museum Volunteers of the Year

The volunteer of the year award ceremonies, held under a tent in the airpark, were blessed with absolutely perfect weather. Dozens of dedicated Yankee volunteers were recognized for and given pins for cumulative volunteer hours over the last two years in several categories, starting at the 400 hour mark and ending with the 4000 hour category.

Many volunteers were nominated for volunteer of the year status. Department heads wrote glowing letters of recommendation for their hard work. The six finalists chosen by a committee of department heads were **Dave Saunders, Bob Pilz, Dwight Koslowski, Dave Wright, Tracy McHugh** and **Debbie Stewart**. The volunteers of 2007 voted by the committee made up of department heads are: Tracy McHugh, Bob Pilz and Debbie Stewart. Congratulations to the winners and all the nominees and volunteers. THANK YOU and WELL DONE to all!

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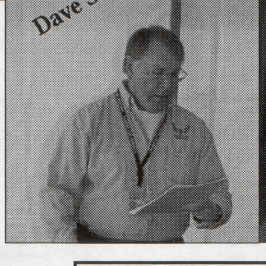

Dave Stonoski

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Above: members got a good look at the schoolhouse now on its foundation and ready for renovation work to begin. Top right: winners Tracy McHugh, Bob Pilz, Debbie Stewart flanked by VP Jon Stevens, left and President Dick Stewart. Below: newest Yankee acquisition, a Beech 18/AT-11 on trailer, member Chris Dackson's Stearman in front of the tent. Right Dick Stewart reading off names. Far right: Jane Spires and Chris heading off to ARB for the trip she purchased at the auction last February.

Drano

In Memory Of...

MIKE WEISS
Member Number G11498 WR
Passed Away August 26, 2007 age 43

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members and Guests Welcome

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Wednesday of following months - 7:00 PM
December, March, June, Sept

Board Meeting
3rd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members Welcome

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:00 AM
All Department Chairs and Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

1 Oct 1939	Chance Vought ***Corsair*** first US fighter to exceed 400 mph
1 Oct 1942	First flight of the Bell ***Airacomet*** P-59A which was the first US jet
1 Oct 1958	**NASA** founded
3 Oct 1942	First successful **V-2 rocket** launch begins new era in air warfare
4 Oct 1957	*Sputnik I* launch begins **Space Age**
7 Oct 2001	**Air campaign begins** against al Qaeda and Taliban camps and bases in Afghanistan. Includes strikes from carriers in Arabian Sea and B-2 bombers based at Whiteman AFB, MO. Crews from 509th Bomb Wing fly 44 consecutive hours — the longest mission in U.S. military aviation history
9 Oct 2004	**Yankee Air Museum Hangar** burns to ground in spectacular fire
9 Oct 1942	First **B-24** bombing mission from England (93rd BG). Target was Lille, France
12 Oct 1942	First U-Boat sunk by **Liberator**. U-597 sunk off Iceland by RAF Lib I, AM 929
13 Oct 1968	First live TV broadcast from manned US spacecraft ***Apollo 7***
14 Oct 1947	First supersonic flight: Air-launched from the bomb bay of a B-29, the Bell X-1 *Glamorous Glennis* was flown by Capt. **Chuck Yeager** at Mach 1.06
16 Oct 1939	First air attack on British territory: German aircraft damaged ships in Scotland's **Firth of Forth**
21 Oct 1942	**B-24**s strike Lin-hsi coal mines, China
22-27 Oct 1944	US Navy crushes Japanese fleet in the **Battle of Leyte Gulf**, Philippines
25 Oct 1943	**Solomon Is.** Allies destroy Japanese air force at Rabaul, New Britain
29 Oct 1942	**Alaskan Highway** (1,520 miles) opens

Sept 50/50 was won by
Jim Reddick
who donated his winnings to Hangar Maintenance

Gerald Barr
won the book *The Greatest Generation Speaks* by Tom Brokaw

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The President's Corner

Dick Stewart

HONORING AVIATION HISTORY AND ITS PARTICIPANTS THROUGH A LIVING, FLYING MUSEUM

Schoolhouse Project – It appears that the estimates from the received bid packages are over the expected budget. Now is the time to help with this project. Your tax deductible contribution to the Michigan Aerospace Foundation (MAF) can help to get this project completed on time. I will be making my donation and you can too. Please help us get this project completed.

Eastern Michigan University – Several projects are on the books. There is one definite project for this semester so far. It is a marketing endeavor for the flyable aircraft with a plan and brochures.

The Business Plan – Is in the final revision stages. After meeting with consultants, **Mark Ernst** is formalizing the required changes.

Events – The Annual Meeting was a success! The information summarized for the membership was substantial and those running for office had their opportunity to share their ideas with the membership.

Now is the time to prepare for the February "Hearts to Yankee" annual auction. If you would like to help or would like to donate something for the auction, contact **Debbie Stewart**.

Thunder over Michigan – Appears to have been a successful event. The profit from the event will be somewhere between $175,000 and $225,000.

MAF – The Foundation has been given a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for approval. MAF has received the MOU and is in the process of review.

Lease – The YAM lease is up for renewal. A formal request has been sent to Wayne County Airport Authority for the lease renewal. Let us see if they can do a little better in the future.

As always, if you have any new ideas, comments, concerns or wish to be involved in any of the upcoming projects, please send an E-mail to me at dick.stewart@yankeeairmuseum.org

Annual Meeting September 15th

Attendees at the Twenty-sixth Annual meeting of the Yankee Air Museum heard reports about the state of the Museum and that the Museum is in excellent condition, with many plans for the future and indeed a bright and dynamic future is expected.

Many goals have been attained and excellent progress is being made towards many more. In excess of 43,000 volunteer hours have been logged, worth more than $743,000.

YANKEE AIR FORCE, INC.
dba YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
Willow Run Airport
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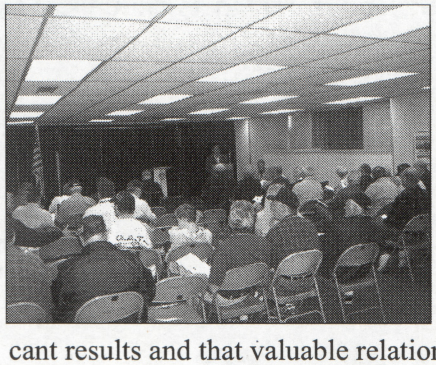
Twenty-sixth
Annual Meeting

of the Corporate Membership

Saturday, September 15, 2007
2:00 p. m.

Honoring Aviation History and its Participants
Through a Living, Flying Museum



Sound business practices and plans have been implemented and the Museum continues to become more professional in all that it does. The alliance with Eastern Michigan University has produced significant results and that valuable relationship will continue.

Thunder Over Michigan was an unprecedented success and Event Coordinator **Debbie Stewart** expects it will be the talk of the International Committee of Airshows (ICAS) convention in December. Thunder is just the crown jewel of a steady schedule of Yankee events that keep the Museum humming.

Department heads gave reports on the many activities around the hangar where volunteer efforts are making a huge difference.

Well done to all!

BOARD REPORT

15 August 2007
by **Dave Steiner**
Edited by **Dick Stewart**

AGENDA

Call to Order 7:30 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call - Baker
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes: July 18
President's Report
MAF Report
Division Reports
Vice President's Report
Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports
Free and Brave Business Plan
Board Member Comments
All Members' Comments
Adjournment

President's Report

Annual meeting will be held Sept 15th. Volunteer appreciation day will be Sept 16th.

Thunder Over Michigan preliminarily is reporting a profit of about $240,000, but not all the bills or receipts are in. It might take a few months or more for that to be finalized, but most of the major items are in so this figure shouldn't change much. Attendance was estimated at 60,000 Saturday and 40,000 Sunday.

Saginaw Valley's audit is finished and Wurtsmith's should be completed this weekend (Aug 18). Willow Run audit is to be to be completed in twenty-one days.

Division Reports

Willow Run – not much, Stinson is getting its annual.
Northeast – EAA B-17 *Aluminum Overcast* will be there Sept 14-15 and they will be at Teterboro.
Saginaw Valley – Bay City air show did some business, B-25 *Pacific Prowler* did a few flights. Runway is too short for our B-25. They are working on getting more members but struggling to do so.
Wurthsmith – pancake breakfast did okay. Our B-25 did one FLEX ride there.

Vice President's Report

Good to go for the election. Volunteer manual will be ready for August staff meeting.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Gant asked Election Chair **Al Scotford** to submit the self-nomination candidates names. There are eight running for the four available Board seats. The names will be submitted to the Membership Department to determine eligibility. Once that is established the ballots will be printed and prepared for mailing. The nominees are **Ray Hunter, Chris Causley, Kevin Walsh, Lou Farkas, Randy Hotton, Mike Luther, Dean Baker**, **Jerry Luther**.

The Memorandum of Understanding has been submitted to MAF and per the language in the document they have 60 days to respond.

Treasurer's Report

A more detailed report was given on the financial results of Thunder. Contact **Don Brackett** for more information.

Free and Brave Business Plan (a film documentary)

Director Hynes reported on this proposed one hour film documentary on YAM.

Some of the local PBS stations may be doing "fillers" featuring YAM people during THE WAR documentary by Ken Burns, airing the end of September.

Board Member Comments

Randy Hotton gave a presentation on the July meeting at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo with museum consultants, Andy Bro and Ben Kosak. They submitted some preliminary interior artist sketches and Randy displayed those and updated the Board on the progress. The goal is to have a more detailed campus layout, architectural plans, and color renderings by December 31st.

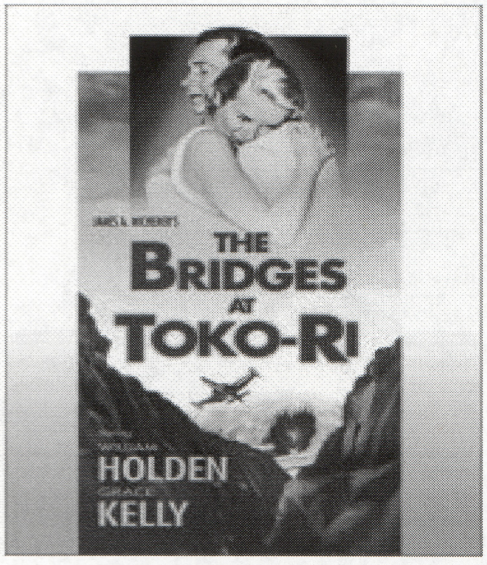
Last chance this season to see Yankee Director of Flight Ops **Randy Hotton** in the cockpit of the Lockheed P-3 Orion submarine hunter at the Selfridge Airpark Museum. He flew this type plane as a Naval Aviator. The former squadron members of VP 93, now disestablished, help maintain and man the plane for tours.

VP 93 home page is http://home.neo.rr.com/vp93/
Or you may link to it and get more information about the Selfridge Museum from www.selfridgeairmuseum.org

Security requires that you have your driver's license, registration and proof of insurance for your vehicle to get on the base.

A modest admission fee is charged for the museum/ airpark. Get a personal tour from Randy on these Sunday afternoon dates:

- September 30
- October 28



YANKEE MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS WITH THIS KOREAN WAR CLASSIC

Introduced by Yankee Director of Flight Operations, Randy Hotton (aka General Savage)

Saturday October 20th
Doors open at 5pm
Tickets available at the door
All proceeds support the museum

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Member seats ____ x $5 = _____ **Non-Member** seats ____ x $10 = _____ Total = $_____

To have tickets sent to you by mail include a self-addressed stamped envelope, otherwise they will be held at the door

Join YAM that night and $5 of your admission applies immediately to membership!

Saturday
October
20
6:00 PM
Hangar 2

Flyable Aircraft Meeting Now Held Quarterly

Flight Ops and **Norm Ellickson** have determined that there is no need to hold meetings more than quarterly. Most of the work on the airplanes is being handled on an ongoing basis anyway by the very capable crew chiefs and crews, so there is not much need for a monthly confab. The meeting will still be held the second Saturday, but only in the months of December, March, June and September. The change has been made in the first column on page two of HH for your future reference. All Yankee members are invited to the meetings.

No movie night in November due to holidays and football games, but movie night will return December 1st

"Saints and Soldiers"

Hosted by **Chris Causley**
Yankee Air Museum
Living History Department

This movie is a dramatic, intense and heroic film about members of the Greatest Generation struggling to be both good men and good soldiers.

Independently produced in 2003, the film made extensive use of re-enactors to maintain a level of authenticity while keeping costs down. The film was nominated for 18 different independent film awards, winning 16; including several audience choice best picture awards.

Chris will have re-enactors at the movie

COLLECTION FOR VETERANS CONTINUES

In an effort to support today's veterans, the Yankee Air Museum will place a collection box in the lobby of H-2. Please check your supplies at home or pick up an extra toiletry or two on your next trip to the store. Take home the unused items from your air show hotel stays – soaps, shampoos & lotions and donate them to this worthy cause. *All items should be new and clean.*

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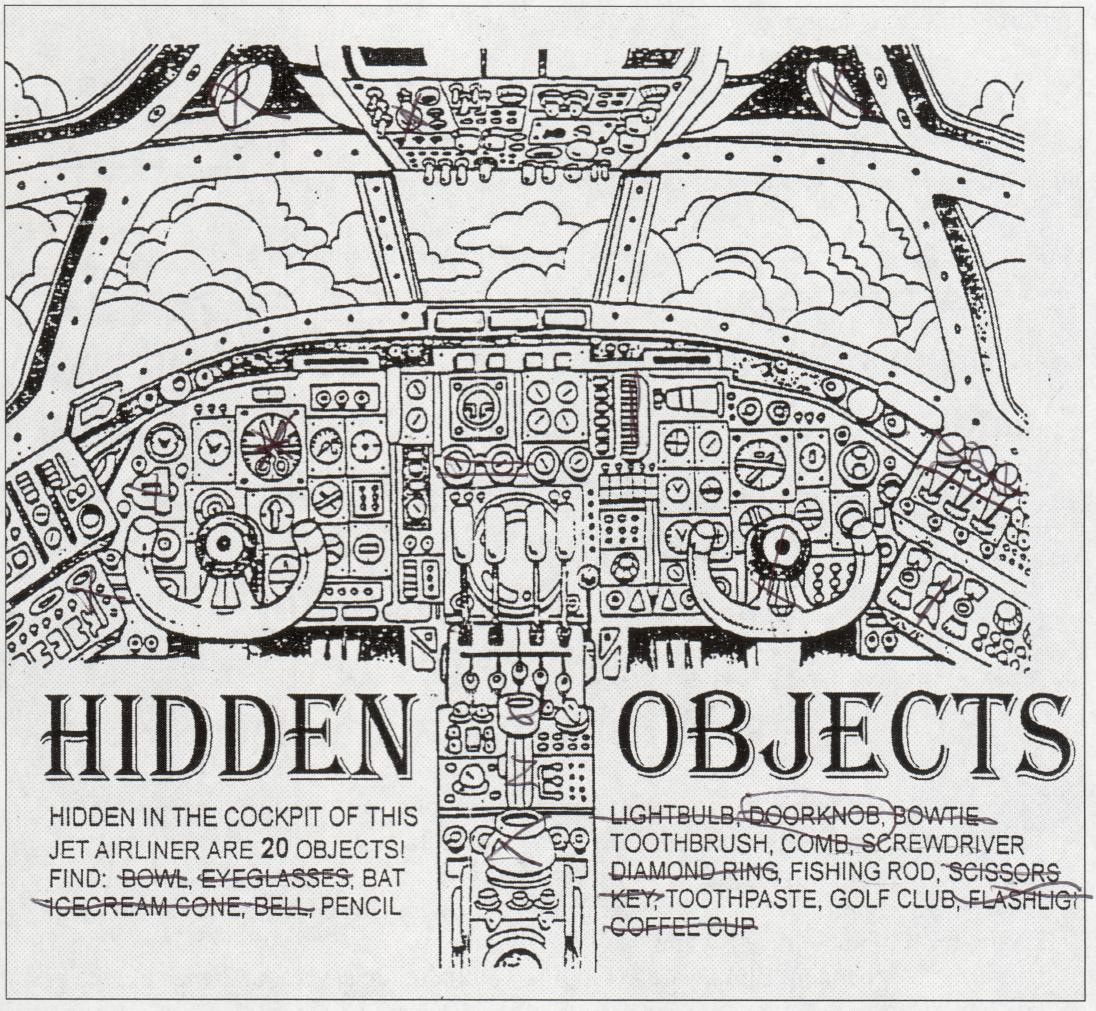
Pill Dispensers	Playing Cards, Crossword & Sudoku Books	Magazines – no older than 60 days, please.
Postage Stamps & Envelopes	Soap	Women's underclothes

Items will be delivered to the VA Health Care Offices for distribution to area veterans. If you'd prefer to make a cash donation, please make it payable to: Yankee Air Museum – Veteran's Fund and we'll pass it on. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact **Casey Hines** at: 734-732-3575 or kathleenhines@comcast.net Updates on the success of this effort will follow. Yankee members have filled a couple boxes already. Thank you in advance!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HIDDEN IN THE COCKPIT OF THIS JET AIRLINER ARE 20 OBJECTS! FIND: ~~BOWL~~, ~~EYEGLASSES~~, BAT ~~ICECREAM CONE~~, ~~BELL~~, PENCIL
~~LIGHTBULB~~, ~~DOORKNOB~~, ~~BOWTIE~~, TOOTHBRUSH, COMB, SCREWDRIVER ~~DIAMOND RING~~, FISHING ROD, ~~SCISSORS~~ ~~KEY~~, TOOTHPASTE, GOLF CLUB, ~~FLASHLIGHT~~ ~~COFFEE CUP~~

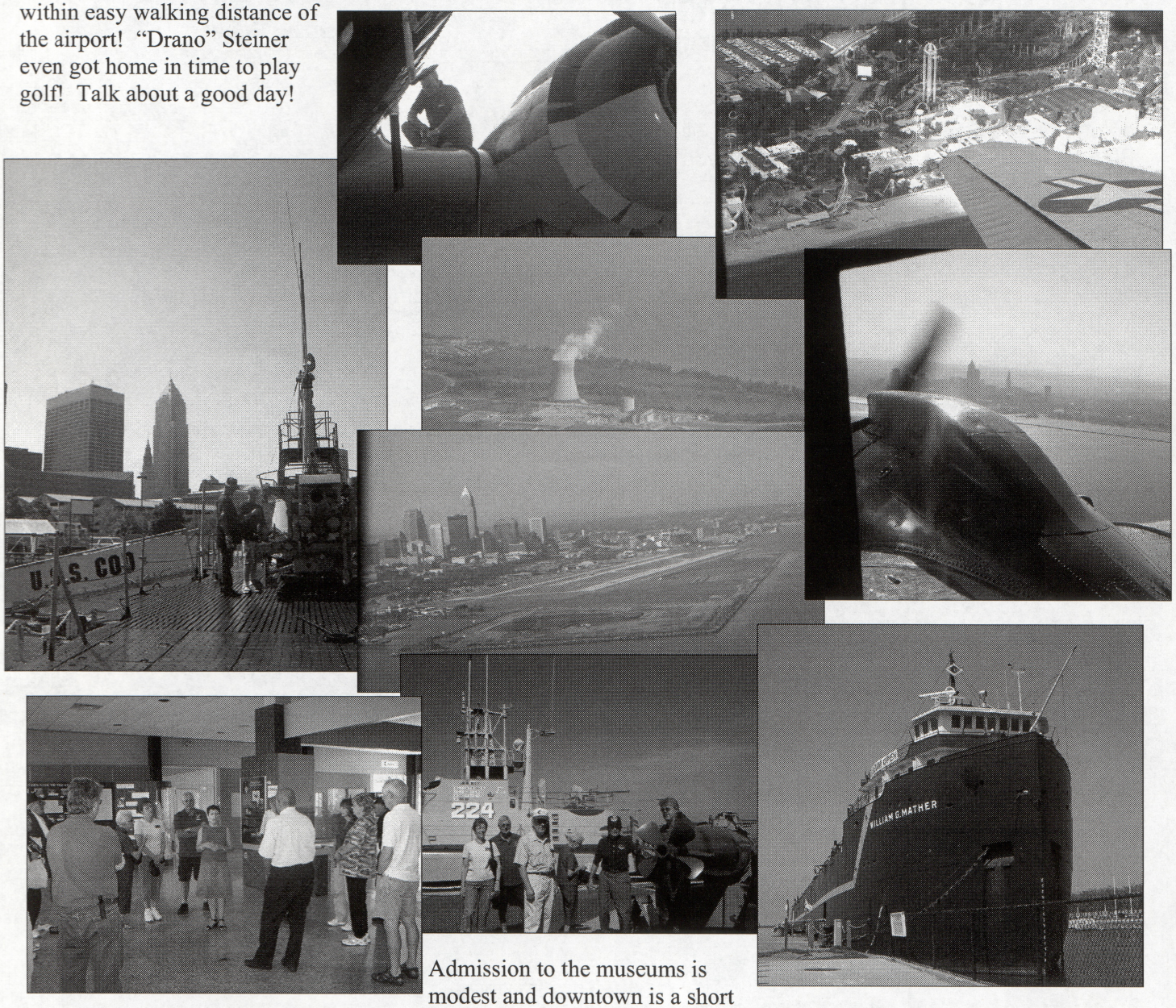
Hey Yankee Junior Members

Can you find the hidden objects? Better yet, can you identify the different controls for the aircraft, such as throttles, control yokes, where would the artificial horizon indicator be, etc?

Do you know the difference between this classic "steam gauge" cockpit and a modern "glass" cockpit?

C-47 Trip to Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport (BKL) is Outstanding

The member trips on Aug 21st & Sept 12th to Cleveland were thoroughly enjoyed by all. We flew along the scenic Lake Erie shoreline, checking out power plants, the Lake Erie Islands etc. even circled Cedar Point. After a 45 minute flight and *greaser* landing at BKL, we were greeted by **Heather Alexander** of the International Women's Aviation & Space Museum, (www.iwasm.org) housed in the airport terminal. **Ray Christiansen** said Heather takes great care of Yankee crews when they are in Cleveland. IWASM Executive Director Toni Mullee gave us a tour (it is free). In the background was Sean Tucker practicing aerobatics for the upcoming airshow. Then it was off on your own to tour the USS COD submarine, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Science Center, or Great Lakes Freighter, William G. Mather; all within easy walking distance of the airport! "Drano" Steiner even got home in time to play golf! Talk about a good day!



Admission to the museums is modest and downtown is a short walk across a bridge if you want something special for lunch. Make sure you sign up for this trip next year!

There were reports of a "stowaway" student pilot on the return of the second trip, but you'll have to visit IWASM yourself and talk to Heather to find out more about that.

Clockwise from top center: Crew Chief/Gasboy Ray Christiansen topping up the tanks at YIP; "buzzing" Cedar Point; Cleveland skyline over #2 engine; William G. Mather (you get to tour bow to stern and pilot house to engine room, awesome!); excursion members in front of the USS COD; Toni Mullee, center, talks about IWASM (visit their gift shop); Cleveland skyline from the deck of the COD; Davis-Besse nuclear plant; turning on final into BKL. *Photos and text by Drano Steiner*

See MANY more photos in color on the Yankee Photo Gallery easily linked to from the Yankee home page

Golf War Report

The Yankee Air Museum 6th annual GOLF WAR was played on a steamy hot Sept 5th, but that didn't stop everyone therapeutic massage when they walked off the course. Thirty four players vied for the opportunity to have their name at nine under par, was settled by a tie-breaker on the #1 handicap hole. Dave "Drano" Steiner and his team lost to Team "Drano" did win three of the seven skins and that money was donated back to the museum.

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Our thanks to all the sponsors and participants, who helped raise about $2000 for Yankee Air Museum. Please support our sponsors whenever you can, and tell them thanks!

Special thanks also to AVFuel for the T-shirts with the AV-Fuel girl on them (very popular with the guys); Moran Automotive for hats, sweatshirts, umbrellas, golf balls and coffee thermos. And to Patty Wagstaff, whom we traded a GOLF WAR 2007 shirt for the great items she provided. Thanks Patty!

All Occasions

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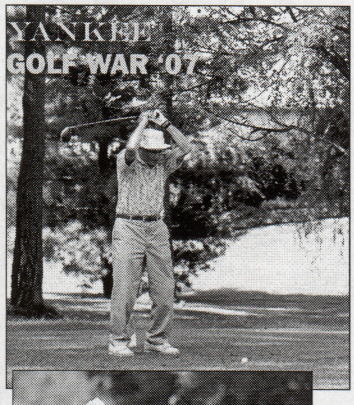
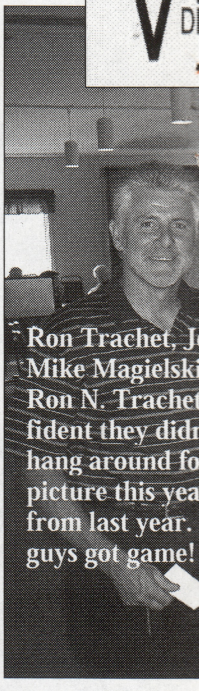
Left: off they go
Right: Irv Kaminski, and his new tomahawk style swing, needs work. Below: Jane Spires' gals team had fun
Lower left: handing out prizes





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e from having a good time. But more than a few of them could have made use of a Judi's Body Maintenance
es on the coveted GOLF WAR trophy, made with steel from the old Hangar. The result, after two teams finished
the defending champs (and now four time winners) Ron L.Trachet, Mike Magielski, Ron N. Trachet, and Jeff Jack.

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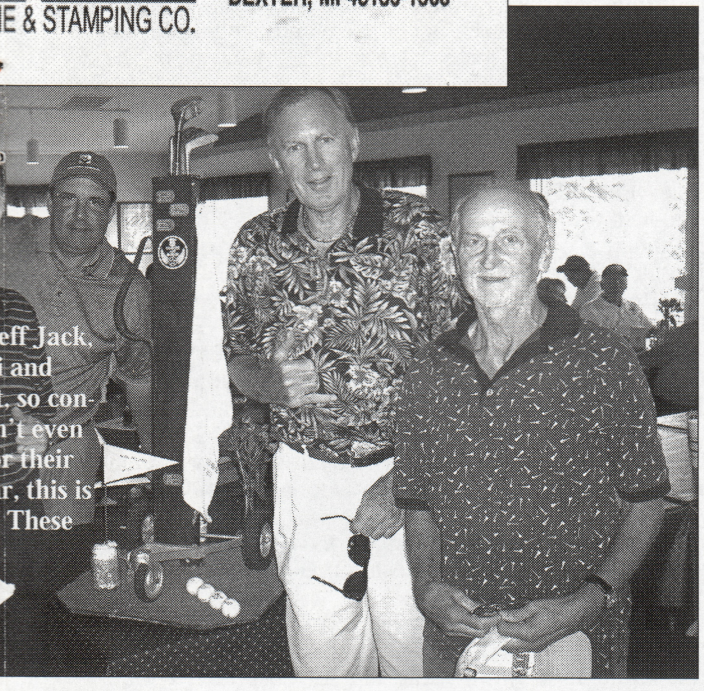

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Thanks also to Dave Stonoski official photographer

Chris Wall of Third Coast Collectibles also took photos and provided silent auction items to raise more money

Restoration Department News by Lou Farkas

"Preserve Rather Than Restore – Restore Rather Than Replace"

Well, Thunder is over (and a great one it was), the bypass is done (Lou had heart bypass surgery) so it's back to work.

The DC9 Simulator has new stairs thanks to **Rich Monroe** and his crew. The crew included **Dale Burgess, Tom Michael, Rick Waite, Phil Howard, Chester Ford, T. R. Hart** and our Kalamazoo members **John Vander Ven** and **Cliff Kegeler**. Nice job guys!

Speaking of stairs – how many Yankee members does it take to paint stairs? Find answer below.

Work continues on the link trainer. The crew headed up by **Dean Green** is: **Dave Huck, Mark Silvers, Ray Jackson**, and **Al Scotford**. A lot of work has been done -- the sides and top have been replaced. A lot of the work has been done at home. All the link guys like taking their work home. The link is open for viewing on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Stop by and take a look. You'll see how good the workmanship is.

While you're here, look a little farther down the hangar and you'll see the SPAD guys hard at work. The SPAD team is headed up by **Bill Rodgers** but **Joe Kosek** does all the work (just kidding, Bill). They have a pretty good crew in **Larry Arnett, Gene Blanchard, Ken Chapin, Ken Hauser, Tom Ismond, Ray Wall** and **Dick Sprague** (borrowed from B-25 crew). All the brackets have finally come in (after a two month delay). Work continues on the fuselage. The turtle deck is complete and hanging on the wood shop wall. Work has started on the vertical fin thanks to the Skonk Works (they donated some space to the SPAD team). The main concern for the SPAD team now is trying to get a line on a Hispano-Suiza 220 HP Engine. See below.

While you're in the hangar, take a look at the Allison Engine. **Ernie Panizzoli** and his crew of **Pete Morris** and **Gene Blanchard** did a great job. Hard to believe that, just a little over a year ago, it was buried in the woods sitting in a tug (tractor pull).

Work continues in the Air Park . The T-33 (wingless) has had its sun screen installed to prevent any sun damage to the interior. **Jim Malzone** and his crew picked up the engine removal stand from the Air Park. Once the stand is checked and made ready, it will be used to remove the engine from our T-33 (wingless) to make it easier for us to haul the T-33 to special events, etc.

Elsewhere in the Air Park work continues on the F-86. **Lee Bassett**, with the help of **Dwight Koslowski, Bob Sloan** (on loan from the Argosy) and **Ernie Panizzoli** (on loan from the F-84F) are working hard to get it ready for paint.

Roger Peterson, with the help of **Henry Grudzien** are going over the DC-6 to determine where and the best way to correct the corrosion problem. Roger is looking for new members, do give me a call and I'll hook you up with him.

Back in July, **John Vander Ven** and **Cliff Kegeler** volunteered to be co-crew chiefs on the PB4y but, after some thought, felt it wouldn't be fair to both the aircraft and YAM to handle that position since they only come in once a week. While they won't be co-crew chiefs, they will remain members of the crew. **Rich Monroe** stepped forward (I did have my arm around him) and said he would take over. **Dale Burgess** has agreed to be co-crew chief. The crew will include, in addition to John and Cliff, **Rick Waite, Phil Howard, Chester Ford** and **T. R. Hart**. One of the first things the crew has to do is remove the floor boards that were damaged during the winter. It seems a critter had gotten in and made himself at home. The stair painting answer is four -- **Tom Collard** (Supervisor), Rich Monroe, **Phil Howard** and Dale Burgess.

Elroy Myers continues his work on the Huey tail rotor. Of course, he still takes work home with him for the SPAD. He is one "super metal man". Speaking of metal men, "Iron Man" **Bob Pilz** has finally realized that he is part of Restoration and doing a lot of welding on the SPAD.

Elsewhere **Don Messing** can hardly wait to get back in the Air Park, but he is our flyable tire man so he's busy there.

Some new members that have come on board (and have been mentioned here) are **Chester Ford, T. R. Hart, Larry Swanson** and **Ken Hauser**. Also, long time life member, **George F. Riley** has joined the Restoration Group. Last but not least, **Larry VanBuren** has joined the DC9 crew. Most of Larry's work is done at home working on computer programs for the DC9 Simulator. Thanks, Larry! And keep up the good work.

Just remember, being a member of Yankee Air Museum is fun; being a member of the Restoration Department is even more fun.

Needed for
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HISPANO-SUIZA
V-8 ENGINE FOR THE
SPAD PROJECT

The SPAD crew has already put in 3000+ hours building this aircraft from scratch!

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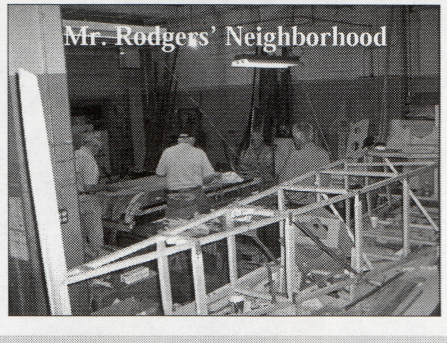
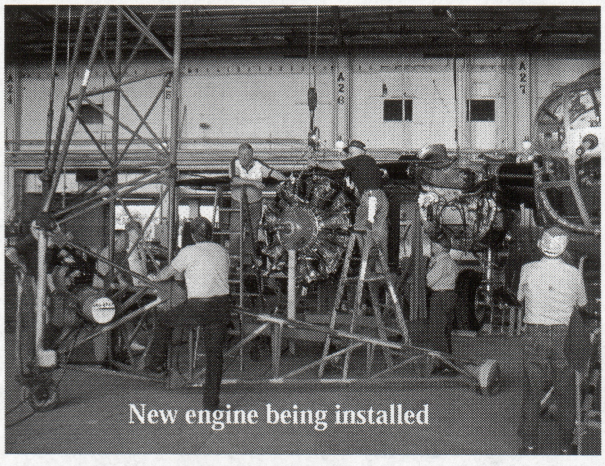


Mr. Rodgers' Neighborhood

"YANKEE WARRIOR" GETS MAJOR OVERHAUL

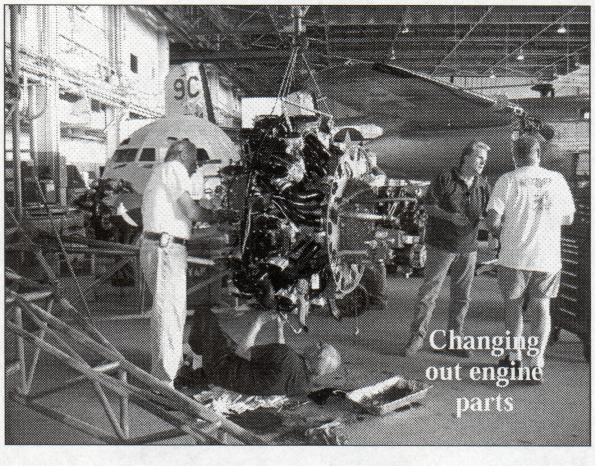
To volunteer is to choose to act in recognition of a need, with an attitude of social responsibility without concern for monetary profit, going beyond what is necessary to one's physical well-being. This certainly was the standard for those who volunteered from the end of May to the first week of July. If you recall our B-25 "Yankee Warrior" developed engine trouble while enroute to flyover the Dearborn Memorial Day Parade. Cylinder head temperature on #2 Engine dropped off dramatically and the Yankee Warrior returned to the hangar. The cowling was removed and a quick look inside revealed no major faults. The CHIP detector was pulled and contained numerous pieces of metal. It was determined that further investigation was needed but since it was Memorial Day, it was decided to continue our search for the cause on Tuesday, Jerry Cobleigh, was brought up to speed on what happened and what the preliminary investigation turned up. To substantiate the metal particles the oil filter was removed and opened up. Inside was an extremely large amount of aluminum fillings. Since #1 cylinder is where the engine temperature is read, they decided to start there. Upon removing the rear spark plug it was found that the electrode on the tip of the plug was damaged. Pulling the front plug revealed the same thing. Using a bore scope it was found that the exhaust valve was damaged, causing extensive damage to the piston and cylinder. Number 1 cylinder needed to be changed. Several YAF members began the process of removing and replacing the cylinder and piston. It was determined that the oil filter had captured the aluminum fillings and that flushing the oil lines would remove any other aluminum. A new oil filter was installed and when the cylinder change was completed the engine was started and run for about 10 minutes. The sump plug and filter were removed and checked for aluminum. The filter did its job again. So it was determined that another run up be performed. The filter and sump were checked again and this time less aluminum was found. The next plan was to fly the B-25 for a specific amount of time, repeat the filter and sump process. If all appeared ok, than the "Yankee Warrior" was back in business. This was short lived. During the next regular flight another problem developed. Copious amounts of oil were found on the bottom of the nacelle of; you guessed it; #2 engine. It was determined that cylinder's 7, 8 and 9 were at fault. What to do? With 'Thunder Over Michigan', a salute to B-25's was just around the corner and the Blue Angeles were going to use our hangar for the show. Could we pull off an engine change in less than 10 days. Several YAF members said yes and the call went out for all hands to get it done. Working 8 to 10 hours a day our YAF volunteers took on that daunting task to ensure that the "Yankee Warrior" was going to be at "Thunder" and leading the formation with the rest of the B-25's. During the process several YAF members marveled at the how expertly everyone worked; they where like an ant colony that had just found a lump of sugar. Mechanics, tools and parts coming together like a well oiled machine. On July 3rd the "Yankee Warrior" was pulled outside and the new engine was started. All engine checks were completed and checked out satisfactorily. Next came the check flight. The engine performed as expected. Back in the hangar a thorough inspection of all systems was done again with some minor repairs and adjustments. The "Yankee Warrior" was ready for flight operations.



New engine being installed

All the details were not written here but if you ask any of the below listed YAF Members who worked on this project, I'm sure they will be more than happy to fill in the blanks. At the beginning of this article I talked about what a volunteer is. Well those who worked on this project fit that volunteer definition. They recognized that they had a responsibility and went far beyond their own physical limits to accomplish the objective in record time. It's times like this that show the true meaning of volunteer. The Yankee Air Museum owes these individuals and all its volunteers a thank you and job well done because all of these volunteers went above and beyond their normal activities and brought great credit upon themselves and the Yankee Air Museum.

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM, B-25 'YANKEE WARRIOR' VOLUNTEERS



Changing out engine parts

John Stahley, Norm Ellickson, Tom Collard, Jerry Cobleigh, Dale Miller, Dave Saunders, Rex Kanitz, Doug Duff, Bob Ganz, Dick Sprague, Jim Rucker, Mike Weiss, Dave Lowry, Dan Doherty, Ray Christiansen, Ed Rice, Bob Laird, Irv Kaminski, Steve Zvara, Rob Ball, Bruce Stoddard, Eric Stoddard, Bob Paul. Bill Czinski and Jim Gondek from Ford Motor Co.

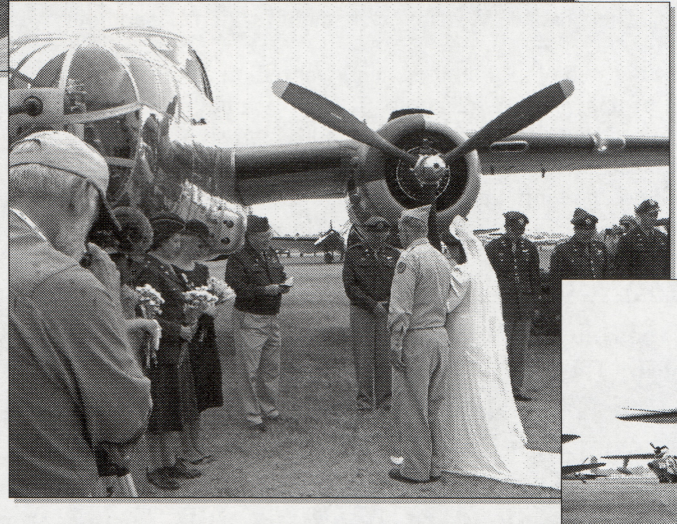
This article is dedicated to Mike Weiss. Mike passed away suddenly on 26 August 2007 and this was the last project Mike worked on. He enjoyed the Yankee Air Museum, especially the flyable aircraft.

Submitted By: Bob Paul, B-17 / B-25 Crew

See the entire series of pictures by Dick Sprague on the web site in color!

Re-enactors Stage Wedding for Real at Oshkosh with *Yankee Warrior* B-25 as the Backdrop

When a group of re-enactors at Oshkosh asked to use the Yankee B-25 Mitchell as the backdrop in a *for real* wedding, naturally permission was granted. Local media covered the event so Yankee got some valuable publicity and a good time was had by all. This isn't the first time Yankee planes have factored in nuptials. Our best wishes to the bride and groom!



And they lived happily ever after.

And the next time you have trouble getting into the Mitchell, try it with a wedding dress on!
Photos by Dick Sprague

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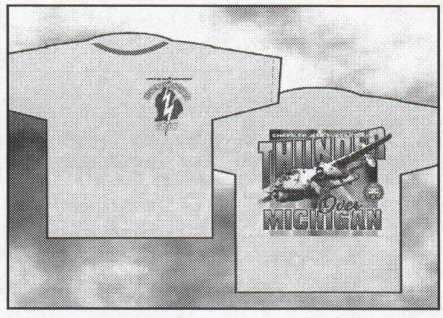

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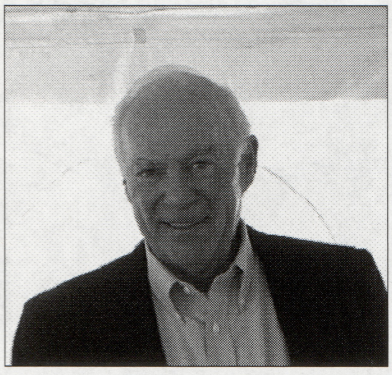

Bob Hynes is head of the Yankee PR Department. PR sends out press releases and asks that you contact PR with any news about Yankee events so they may be promoted as far and wide as possible.

Also, if you hear about something questionable with regards to the Museum, contact PR first so Bob and his staff may check it out first to ascertain that it is fact or fiction before telling others. If he doesn't know about it, he'll look into it right away and get back to you with the correct information.

Call the museum (734) 483-4030 ext 242. or Bob via email at bob.hynes@yankeeairmuseum.org or bobhynes@yahoo.com

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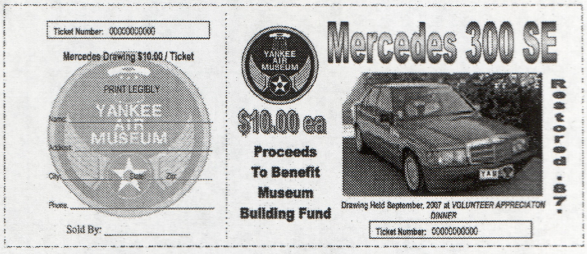

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WE NEED PEOPLE TO HELP SELL THEM!

CONTACT PAT MCHUGH

Need a Yankee Speaker?

If your organization would like someone from Yankee to give a presentation, contact Bob Hynes. He is developing a Speakers Bureau and can provide speakers from the Yankee ranks with a wide variety of experiences. Contact **bob.hynes@yankeeairmuseum.org** or call (734) 483-4030 ext 242

WANT SOMETHING TO DO ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHAT? NEED SOMETHING DONE ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHO?

Pat McHugh is our Volunteer Coordinator. Contact Pat to see how your unique talents and skills, just plain volunteer spirit can help Yankee Air Museum rebuild, grow and succeed!

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pat.mchugh@yankeeairmuseum.org

If you have a job to be done, Pat suggests that you write a brief description of what you need done, when, how long it might take, and any special skills that might be required.

Pat will match a volunteer to the job!

Ad space in HH

If your business would be interested in purchasing ad space in **Hangar Happenings**, please contact **Dave Steiner** via email at dsteiner@blackmoreco.com, or call the Museum (734) 483-4030 and leave a message for him to call you.

HH is mailed all around the world, so your message will reach the far corners of the globe. Most YAF members are in southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio, so you will also be reaching a local base and helping out the Museum.

These ads help offset the printing and mailing costs for HH.

You can't get these just anywhere

Only the Yankee Museum Store has authentic airline seats in stock ready for you to pick up for your aviation themed office, waiting room, den, pub, or even living room! Only $300! These are in excellent condition, complete with life vests beneath the seat cushions (handy if you live in a flood zone) and certain to be a conversation piece. Contact the museum store (734) 483-4030 ext 228.

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Southwest side of Willow Run Airport
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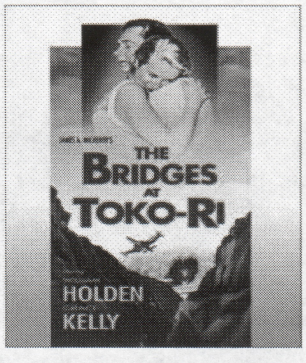


OCTOBER

Saturday 13th — **Michigan Aviation Historical Society,** H2, 7 - 10 pm
The Road to Iraq & Back #2 by Harley Copic

Saturday 20th — **Yankee Movie Night Returns.**
Bridges at Toko-Ri, Randy Hotton hosts and introduces the movie as only "General Savage" can.
Ticket form on page 5, popcorn and soda provided.

NOVEMBER

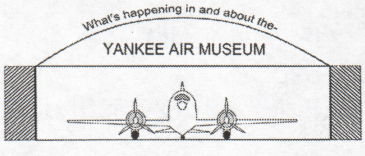
No events scheduled, have a great Thanksgiving

Remember to do your holiday shopping at the Yankee Air Museum Store for Yankee and non-Yankee members

DECEMBER

Saturday 1st details page 5 — Move night returns, "Saints and Soldiers",

Saturday 15th — Christmas Party **in the Hangar**



Senate Bill 1877

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) today praised the passage by unanimous consent of his Bill (S.1877) clarifying U.S. law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag. Current law (U.S. Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans not in uniform should place their right hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag.

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," Senator Inhofe said. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. "Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. "My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag, whether they are in uniform or not. "I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades and formal events. "I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to other citizens. "Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."

This Bill was passed July 25, 2007. Let your veteran friends know about the Passage of this Bill.

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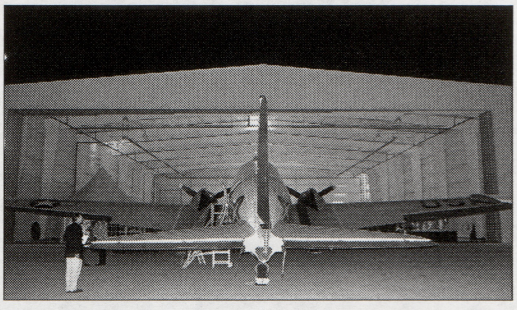
PLEASE PHONE FOR DETAILS **(734) 483-4030**. WATCH FOR UPDATES AT **www.yankeeairmuseum.org**.

Our Doodle Dandy is a DANDY at Fundraiser

C-47 a hit at Henry Ford Hospital Charity Evening By Roger Sherman

Our C-47 "Yankee Doodle Dandy" went on the road Saturday August 25, to the Oakland County International Airport and Oakland Air's 23,000 foot hangar to support the Henry Ford Hospital Heart and Vascular Institute's Vin Voyage wine-tasting and food event.



Parked outside the hangar door and overlooking the close to 500 guests, the C-47 did the museum proud in terms of the many informational tours and story-telling from the people that had living histories of this historic plane. There was even a commercial flight attendant remembering her days in a DC-3.

Attending the event as special Yankee Ambassadors were Pilot, **Gunner Ingle** and his wife **Teresa**, Co-Pilot, **Rob McMain**, Crew Chief, **Ray Christiansen**, and Crew, **Dan Daugherty**.

On the 12 minute trip home Sunday, the C-47 had a very special passenger. My 88 pound mix-breed dog, Brindle, seen around Hangar 2 on most Saturdays. She loved the trip and got a special treat on returning from Gunner.

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